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- 1. REF. A REQUESTED VERIFICATION OF FRENCH CLAIM THAT SOFT CURED CHEESES, SUCH AS BRIE AND CAMMEMBERT, WERE NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING EXPORT SUBSIDIES WHEN DESTINED TO U.S.
- 2. ON SUBJECT OF SUBSIDIES, OFFICIAL IN COMMISSION'S DAIRY DIVISION SAID THAT THERE HAVE NEVER BEEN SUBSIDIES PAID ON EXPORTS OF CAMMENBERT AND BRIE. HE POINTED OUT THAT CHEESES WITH A WATER CONTENT EXCEEDING 62 PERCENT, CALCULATED BY WEIGHT OF FAT-FREE DRY MATTER, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND THAT SOFT CHEESES SUCH AS CAMMENBERT AND BRIE WOULD NORMALLY FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. OFFICIAL ALSO SAID THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE, THOUGH NOT LIKELY, TO HAVE A SOFT-TYPE CHEESE WITH A WATER CONTENT FALLING BELOW 62 PERCENT. IN SUCH CASES, IT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR REFUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN EC REGULATION NO. 1018/78 (REF. B) UNDER CODE NUMBER 512092 (CXT 04.04 E I B 5). FOR THE U.S., (EXPORT ZONE E), THIS SUBSIDY IS 39.03 U.A./100 KG. EFFECTIVE

MAY 22, 1978. NOTE THAT IN REF. B THERE ARE EXPORT SUBSIDIES APPLIED TO CHEESES WITH WATER CONTENT EXCEEDING 72 PERCENT (COTTAGE CHEESE AND CREAM CHEESE) BUT ONLY IN THE CASE OF SALES TO THE ARMED FORCES SITUATED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. HINTON

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